

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP**

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116;  
RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 17, 2007**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered in the captioned patent application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Applicants submit the foregoing amendments to place the case in even better condition for allowance or appeal.

This paper is submitted in response to the final Office Action dated September 17, 2007, for which the three-month date for response is December 17, 2007.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Director is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2103.013882RE.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested. The listing of the claims begins on page 3, and the remarks begin on page 6.